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EDITORIAL

May Days

These spring days mean a variety of things to different folks: To some they represent housecleaning and gardening; to others, fishing, baseball, golf and sports. To another group the time of motoring and picnics and camp life may be heralded by the warmer weather, and to the sick the sunshine gives promise of an opportunity to get out of doors and the prospect of renewed health. To the farmer there is the prospect of the crop just ahead. Small wonder that these May days are so popular. They hold an interest and a promise for everyone. Cool they have been and growth may not have been as rapid as some would desire, but the bright sunshine of this year has made this a delightful month.

Maintenance Necessary

The Municipal Council is to be commended on planning early in the season for repairs to sidewalks and roadways about town. A plan that will keep the streets and walks in repair is really what is necessary. While it is always desirable to keep the tax rate at a low level, still the neglect of repair that in the end necessitate a larger expenditure or reconstruction is not the best of economy. Roadways are now in dire need of loads of gravel to fill up holes. Most all of the crossings require a load of gravel to level them and avoid the breaking of car springs. There are several portions of cement sidewalk that require rebuilding. While all of the work cannot be done in one year, still, each Council should plan to assume a reasonable share each year, and thus avoid a large expenditure in any one year. The survey is to be made and no doubt the Council will make improvements this year that will maintain Acton streets in good repair.

A Police Court-Joke

We have found many amusing incidents in connection with police court work, but the one that is repeated the most frequently and seems the most ridiculous is the threat of those summoned to hereafter avoid the centre where the offence was committed if they are fined. Time and again we have heard and read this silly expression that if that municipality is going to enforce the law, the person summoned will avoid the town and take his business elsewhere. As a rule most municipalities would be just as well pleased if folks who cannot come reasonably near observing the law would avoid their town. Laws are made for the protection and safety of all, and not to be flouted. The fine is imposed as a warning that the offence must not be repeated. That is the reason for provision of a greater penalty for a second offence. Too often fines are looked upon by those paying them as a means of extracting another tax from them. This is the exception, rather than the rule. Police are not as a rule anxious to summons offenders to court, but they are charged with enforcing the law and keeping the municipality safe. The plea of guilty to an offence, coupled with the threat not to visit the town any more if prosecutions are going to be made for law breaking is so foolish and used so often that it is a joke in police court.

In Favor of the Taxpayer

A change has been made in the penalty for non-payment of taxes that is to the benefit of the taxpayer. The first penalty has been reduced from five to four per cent. Cancellation of the ten per cent. levy in May has been made and in its place one-half per cent. per month will be added from the first of the year until the taxes are paid, but not compounded. The change is distinctly in favor of the taxpayer and in keeping with the trend toward lower rates of interest. A saving of one per cent. is made on the first penalty and four per cent. on the second penalty that has been in practise locally. It is to be hoped the reaction will be favorable in the matter of tax collection, and the keeping of the arrearages down to the minimum.

Canadian Forest Production

Canadian forests contributed products to the value of \$93,773,142 in 1933, an increase of 1.8 per cent. over the estimated value of \$92,106,352 for 1932. Pulpwood in point of value is Canada's most important forest product and had a value of \$33,213,973. Firewood came next on the value list, with a production in 1933 worth \$31,141,104, followed by logs and bolts to the value of \$23,158,381. Quebec led the provinces with a production of forest products valued at \$34,813,053. Ontario came second with products to the value of \$23,298,854, while British Columbia was third with \$17,904,204. Forest operations in the Dominion during 1933 involved the cutting of 2,027,713,767 cubic feet of standing timber, of which about 92 per cent. was consumed at home. A total of 1,863,003,957 cubic feet of home-grown and imported forest products, valued at \$85,051,302, was consumed in Canada, including wood used in the form in which it was taken from the forests and wood used as raw material in Canadian industry. Of the total quantity used in Canada less than one per cent. is imported.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The by-law prohibiting the use of fireworks in Acton is still in force. It is easier to prevent fires than fight them, once started.

To-morrow is Victoria Day, and usually one of the most glorious of the summer holidays, giving at the first of the summer an opportunity to enjoy the out-of-doors.

Bing Crosby, radio and singing star, gets \$75,000 a picture, plus \$5,000 a week for broadcasts and royalties on phonograph records. Why, oh why, didn't we take up singing? laments the editor of the Hanover Post.

At least there are no hard feelings in Acton over the distribution of Jubilee medals. Only two were allotted in the municipality, and one of these to a returned man whom no one knew as a resident of Acton, or could locate.

Those who expected to receive a Jubilee medal, and didn't, might stop to ask themselves what they ever did to deserve any distribution. And the same thing is probably true of some of those who received them.—Fergus News-Record.

Another \$60,000,000 loan by the Dominion Government was oversubscribed in a few hours. And in cash. It is interesting to know that so much ready cash is so readily available. Certainly the average citizen shared little in the sale of these securities.

The first issue of the new heavy Jubilee silver dollar was not large. It is in popular demand at present because of its scarcity. If the Government continues to issue more it will lose its rarity and its worth as a souvenir. It will then drift back to the Government, because people will prefer to carry its equivalent in paper.—Mail & Empire.

The late Sir Herbert Tree, English actor and wit, summed up some facts of life in the following classic jingle:

"The rain it falleth down Upon the just and unjust fella, But chiefly on the just, because The unjust hath the just's umbrella."

After ably serving the Canadian Weekly Newspapers as Managing Director for many years, Mr. Roy Sayles has resigned, and Mr. C. V. Charters, of Brampton, has been appointed to the position. To Mr. Sayles goes a large measure of credit for the success of the association, and his administration of its affairs has been admirable. In Mr. Charters he has a worthy successor, who will devote his ability and aggressiveness to a continuance of the best interests of the weekly newspapers.

Here is the secret of growing rich, as described by John D. Rockefeller to a New York portrait-painter thirty-seven years ago: "If your income is thirty dollars a week, save ten per cent.; when it reaches sixty dollars, save twenty per cent.; when it is one hundred and twenty dollars, save fifty per cent." That's all. It sounds easy. But human desires and human frailties have a trick of outrunning this intelligent pursuit of security. Most people prefer to take the short-cut to wealth and success.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, MAY 26th, 1935

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Golden Text.—This do in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. 11: 24. Lesson Text.—Mat. 26: 17-30; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; Study also, Mk. 14: 17-26; Lu. 22: 7-23; Jno. 13: 1-30; 1 Cor. 10: 16, 17. Time.—Tuesday, April 4, A. D. 30. Place.—Jerusalem, in an upper room, probably the house of Mark's father. Exposition.—I. Preparing for Jesus' to Eat, 17-19.

Jesus was sitting at meat with the twelve disciples, we read in v. 20 of the R. V. By this change the Revisers sought to give a more accurate impression of the sense of the original than that given by the A. V. But even the R. V. is not an exact translation. "reclining" is the force of the Greek verb. It was the oriental custom to recline at meals. Da Vinci's famous picture gives a totally false impression, but it is far more misleading in the face of Jesus (and the disciples) than in their posture at the table. Try to picture to yourself this scene as it actually was. It was a precious privilege to prepare for Jesus to eat that last passover. The disciples got this privilege by asking for it. We can get a similar privilege in the same way. Jesus gave very strange and improbable directions by which the man was to be known. They were to meet a man bearing a picher of water and to follow him and ask the master of the house where he entered for the guest-chamber where Christ should eat the passover with His disciples, and he would show them a large upper room furnished (Mk. 14: 13-15; Lu. 22:10-12). But Peter and John who were commissioned for this work (Lu. 22: 8), were disciples indeed; they asked no questions, but simply went and did as they were told. Our whole business is obeying. "Obedience is the supreme test and proof of discipleship and love to Jesus (Jno. 14: 21-24), and the one condition of enjoying His friendship (Jno. 15: 14). In this case it all came out precisely as Jesus said it would (Mk. 14: 16; Lu. 22: 13). It will always come out precisely as Jesus says it will. The omniscience of Jesus comes out in His knowing every little detail of what would happen to the disciples as they entered that city, and just what each man would do.

II. "Is it I?" 20-25. Jesus gives another proof of His insight into the human heart and of His omniscience—"Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me," all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (Heb. 4: 13). Jesus knew all the depths of our hearts. (Jno. 2: 25). It was no new discovery to Jesus (Jno. 5: 70, 71). It had been prophesied hundreds of years before (Ps. 41: 9). But the awful announcement came upon the disciples as a thunder-clap out of a clear sky. "They were exceedingly sorrowful," well they might be. But Jesus Himself was more deeply troubled at the thought (Jno. 13: 21). Each man looked into his own heart and there saw the possibility of such infamy, and anxiously cried out, "Lord, is it I?" When we each of us look into our own hearts, what depths of evil possibilities we see. Many, of course, never look deeply enough to see them, but this case it all came out precisely as Jesus said it would (Mk. 14: 16; Lu. 22: 13). It will always come out precisely as Jesus says it will. The omniscience of Jesus comes out in His knowing every little detail of what would happen to the disciples as they entered that city, and just what each man would do.

III. "This do in remembrance of me," 26-29. The breaking of the bread was not significant of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross (Jno. 19: 36; 1 Cor. 11: 24; see R. V.). It was simply among those who should feed on Him. There has been endless discussion over the force of the word "do" in the clause "this is my body." Does it mean that as Jesus blessed the bread it became the actual physical body of Christ? Or does it mean, this bread REPRESENTS my body, and just as you eat this bread and it becomes part of you, so you are to eat me and I will become part of you? One can find help to an answer to this question in Ex. 4: 4, 5; 1 Cor. 10: 4, 16; 11: 25; Ez. 37: 11; Mat. 13: 26; Lu. 12: 1; Jno. 10: 7; Rev. 1: 20; Gal. 4: 23. But after all has been said, there is doubtless a real presence of Christ in the elements, and when we do partake of them, "discerning the Lord's body," there is a real feeding upon Christ. It is just as the bread we eat becomes part of us, so He Himself becomes part of us. On the other hand, if we partake in an unworthy manner, as a mere form, not thinking what we do, "not discerning the Lord's body," "we are guilty of the body and blood of Christ," and we eat and drink judgment to ourselves (1 Cor. 11: 27, 29). Jesus washed this eating of the bread and drinking of the wine to be continued by His disciples until He Himself should come again (1 Cor. 11: 24, 26). The old covenant was sealed in blood (Ex. 24: 7, 8). There can be no covenant between a holy God and sinful man, except on the ground of shed blood (Heb. 9: 18-23). The blood is the life, and the life must be poured out where there is sin, if there is to be forgiveness (Lev. 17: 11). The blood of lambs and bullocks and goats in the Old Testament was the type of the blood of Christ and it is this that really avails. The blood of Christ was shed "unto remission of sins," i. e., the shed blood was the ground upon which God remits or dismisses sin (comp. Mat. 26: 28; Ro. 3: 25, 16; 1 Jno. 2: 2; Eph. 1: 7; Col. 1: 14, 20; Eph. 2: 13; Heb. 13: 15; Rev. 7: 14; 1 Jno. 1: 7; 1: 9; 1: 10; 2: 2; 2: 12; 2: 18; 2: 28; 3: 1; 3: 9; 3: 14; 3: 18; 4: 10; 4: 19; 5: 6; 5: 9; 5: 14; 1 Jno. 5: 7; comp. with Ex. 12: 13). There can be no forgiveness except on the ground of that shed blood. Many in this day rebel at this doctrine so plainly taught in the Scriptures. They desire a Christianity without atoning blood. They sneer at the doctrine of atonement by shed blood as "a sanguinary theology" or "a theology of the abominable." But a Christianity without atoning blood is a Christianity without remission of sins or peace of conscience. Hence, it cannot be ruled out or dispersed with. It must remain for all time, as the great fundamental truth of the faith to which we have given our allegiance and through which we are saved unto eternal life.

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